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Eagles set school single-game records for rebounds, shots in topping century mark against the Mariners

Women's Basketball

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STATESBORO - Georgia Southern women's basketball set the single-game school record for rebounds and scored the second-most points in school history in Saturday afternoon's 118-48 win over the College of Coastal Georgia in Hanner Fieldhouse.

The Eagles improved to 2-2 on the season with the victory over the NAIA team from Brunswick, Ga. Coastal Georgia's game against Georgia Southern was an exhibition for the Mariners, but CCGA came into the contest with a 5-3 mark.

Georgia Southern topped 30 points in the first quarter to build a 31-17 lead, only the third time the Eagles have scored 30 or more points in a quarter since the NCAA went to the four-quarter format. The lead ballooned to 28, 55-27, at halftime, and the Eagles held the Mariners to just six third-quarter points in pushing the lead to 82-33 after three. Georgia Southern saved its best offense for last as a 36-point fourth quarter saw the Eagles hit 14-of-26 shots from the floor (53.8%), including 6-of-10 from three-point range.

The 118 points scored was the first time Georgia Southern had toppled the century mark since a 106-43 win over Thomas University on Nov. 13, 2016. The Eagles were just one point shy of the single-game points record of 119, set against Eckerd College in a 119-49 win on Dec. 3, 1982.

All 15 players on the roster for the Eagles scored at least three points in the contest. Six players reached double figures, led by freshman [Simone James'](#) 15 points. Senior [Tatum Barber](#) added 13 points off the bench, while freshman [Daeja Holmes](#) added 12 points. Sophomore [Jaiden Hamilton](#) and freshman [Terren Ward](#) each had 11 points and sophomore [Mya Burns](#) chipped in 10 points. Sophomore [Shondell Vickers](#) grabbed a game-high 12 rebounds.

Eagle of the Game

James registered her first collegiate double-digit scoring performance by hitting 6-of-12 shots from the floor and knocking down a pair of free throws. She also collected five rebounds and had four steals on the afternoon.

Stat(s) of the Game

Georgia Southern broke the single-game rebounding record when the team grabbed its 68th board of the game with 7:28 left in the fourth quarter. The Eagles finished the contest with 80 rebounds and a +41 rebounding margin, also a school record. The old record of 67 rebounds was set vs. Augusta State on 12/18/00.

The Eagles hit 40-of-104 shots from the floor in the contest, breaking the record of field goal attempts (100 vs. Eckerd, 12/3/82) in a single game. The 70-point margin of victory was the second-largest in school history behind only the 72-point win against Tift on Jan. 22, 1975. The Eagles also registered 25 steals, tied for the fourth-most in a single game in school history.

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Head Coach [Anita Howard](#) on the performance against the Mariners

"I'm pleased with the team effort. We were working on our press all week. I feel like because of our depth, we have the ability to press for 40 minutes. That's something we were working on, what would it look like from the different groups. Some groups looked better in it, some didn't. One of the things I challenged them on at halftime was that we only had five assists. We weren't sharing the ball. I wanted us to see if we could execute and share the ball in the second half."

On the school-record rebounding effort

"That's good to hear, because Furman outrebounded us by 20. Something that we focused on was making sure we boxed out and re-crashed the glass. We didn't want to give Coastal Ga - or anybody really - second chance opportunities. I still think we turned the ball over too much, I know that's going to come with the tempo we want to play and our youth, but that's another area we need to focus on."

Freshman [Simone James](#) on her first career start

"Personally, I think I just tried to come out and play my game. In the beginning of the season I was nervous and stuff, so today really helped my confidence. It just felt good. I think it added positivity to my game. As a team, we were more focused on getting better, and trying to have support on the bench. We were still cheering to try and get people their confidence when they got in the game."

Next Up

Georgia Southern is next in action on Tuesday, December 15, hosting LaGrange College at 2 p.m. at Hanner Fieldhouse.

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